

T-722  
Edward N. Dodson House  
St. Michaels  
Private

c. 1880

In 1880, Edward N. Dodson acquired a leasehold on this lot fronting Cherry Street, and he presumably erected this two-story, T-shaped house shortly afterwards. In 1900, W. D. J. Morris, Dodson's appointed administrator transferred title of the house and lot to E. Ney Dodson, who owned the property until the mid 1940s. The property passed out of Dodson family hands in 1947.

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# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. T-722

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic EDWARD N. DODSON HOUSE

and/or common

## 2. Location

street & number 103 Cherry Street ☐ not for publication

city, town St. Michaels ☐ vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Talbot

## 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

## 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name

street & number telephone no.:

city, town state and zip code

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Talbot County Clerk of Court liber 351

street & number Talbot County Courthouse folio 443

city, town Easton state MD 21601

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

pository for survey records

city, town state

## 7. Description

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### Condition

☐ excellent  
☒ good  
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated  
☐ ruins  
☐ unexposed

### Check one

☐ unaltered  
☒ altered

### Check one

☒ original site  
☐ moved      date of move \_\_\_\_\_

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Edward N. Dodson house stands at 103 Cherry Street in the northern residential district of St. Michaels, Talbot County, Maryland. The two-story T-shaped frame house faces south with the principal gable oriented on an east/west axis.

Built around 1880, the two-story center hall frame house is supported by a rusticated block foundation, and the structure is sheathed with German siding. The medium pitched roof is covered with asphalt shingles.

The south (main) elevation is an asymmetrical facade with a projecting arm of the T plan fronting the street. The front door is recessed in the leg of the T-plan, and a two-story shed roofed porch shelters the main body of the house. A partially glazed front door is topped by a two-light transom. Filling the adjacent bay is a four-over-four sash window flanked by louvered shutters. The porch is supported by Tuscan columns on the first floor and chamfered posts with sawn brackets on the second floor. Stretching between the second floor posts is a sawn baluster handrail. Another partially glazed door and four-over-four sash window mark the second floor.

The gable front elevation facing the street is highlighted on the first floor by a three-sided bay window with four-over-four sash windows on each side. The second floor is pierced by a single four-over-four sash window, and the upper gable is filled with a large triangular louvered vent. The eaves are extended slightly with short returns at the base.

The east side of the house is unusual for its two-story bay pavilion lighted by four-over-four sash windows on each floor.

The interior was not seen.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

### Specific dates

### Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D  
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Edward N. Dodson house stands in a continuous row of nineteenth century frame buildings on the north side of Cherry Street. The T-shaped main block is a common house form for St. Michaels, especially with the two-story porch that fills the front corner of the T-plan. Single-story bay windows and a two-story pavilion add architectural variety to the frame house. Despite the repetitive nature of this house type, the well-preserved Edward N. Dodson house contributes to the historic integrity of Cherry Street and northern St. Michaels.

### HISTORY AND SUPPORT

In 1880, Edward N. Dodson acquired a leasehold on this lot fronting Cherry Street in the northern residential district of St. Michaels. He presumably financed the construction of the house shortly afterwards. In 1900, W. D. J. Morris, the appointed administrator of Edward N. Dodson, transferred the title to the property to E. Ney Dodson (133/234), who owned the house and lot until the mid 1940s. The property passed out of Dodson family hands in 1947.(272/467)

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**Acreage of nominated property** \_\_\_\_\_

**Quadrangle name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Quadrangle scale** \_\_\_\_\_

**UTM References** do NOT complete UTM references

**A**

Zone Easting Northing

**B**

Zone Easting Northing

**C**

**D**

Age	E (%)
18-24	10
25-34	20
35-44	30
45-54	40
55-64	50
65-74	60
75+	90

**F**

**G**

H |

### Verbal boundary description and justification

**List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries**

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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**11. Form Prepared By**

name/title	Paul B. Touart, Architectural Historian
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organization Private Consultant date 11/17/89

street & number P. O. Box 5 telephone 301-651-1094

city or town	Westover	state	MD	21871
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The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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EDWARD N. DODSON HOUSE

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YEAR: 1958 VOL: 351 PAGE: 443 PRICE:  
FROM: Louise, Richard and Janice Whittington  
TO: Louis Sauber and Lois R. Sauber (of New York City)  
NOTES: (Parcel 2) Begins at SE corner of lot of Thomas Blades of E; runs with Blades N 120' to the NE corner of Blades; then E with P. T. Hambleton and Ida V. Seymour 60 feet to the NW corner of James H. Covey; with Covey S 120 feet to Cherry Street; with Cherry Street W 60 feet to the beginning. Being Lot #12. Conveyed to Whittington by Larrimer 1952, 300/80.

YEAR: 1952 VOL: 300 PAGE: 80 PRICE:  
FROM: ichard Nye Larrimer and Catherine H. Larrimer  
TO: Richard, Louise and Janice Whittington  
NOTES: Parcel 2. Same description.  
Conveyed to Larrimer by Davis 1947, 272/469 and by Kantner 1947, 273/86.

YEAR: 1947 VOL: 273 PAGE: 86 PRICE:  
FROM: Leahmer M. Kantner  
TO: Richard Nye Larrimer  
NOTES: Same description.  
Conveyances: leashold 31 Dec 1879, 89/347. Susan Thompson to E. Ney Dodson and assigned to E. Ney Dodson by W. D. J. Morris 1900, 133/234. On the intestate death of E. Ney Dodson, conveyed by G. Elbert Marshall and William Reddie, adm. to Walter N. Davis 1947, 272/469.

YEAR: 1947 VOL: 272 PAGE: 469 PRICE: \$5,500  
FROM: Walter N. Davis and Laura A Davis  
TO: Richard Nye Larrimer  
NOTES: Same description.  
Subject to ground rent per 1879, 89/347.  
Conveyed to Davis by Marshall and Reddie, admin. of E. Ney Dodson 1947, 272/467.

YEAR: 1947 VOL: 272 PAGE: 467 PRICE: \$3636.36  
FROM: G. Elbert Marshall and William Reddie, Admin. of E. Ney Dodson  
TO: Walter N. Davis  
NOTES: Same description  
Conveyed to E. Ney Dodson by W. D. J. Morris 1900, 133/234.

YEAR: 1900 VOL: 133 PAGE: 234 PRICE: \$1635 (?)  
FROM: W. D. J. Morris  
TO: E. Ney Dodson  
NOTES: Same description.

Also: 1899, 133/232 E. Ney Dodson to W. D. J. Morris. Made in accordance with Circuit Court decree in which W. D. J. Morris was appointed administrator of the estate of Edward N. Dodson.

YEAR: 1880 VOL: 89 PAGE: 347 PRICE:  
FROM: Susan Thompson (Dorchester County)  
TO: Edward N. Dodson  
NOTES: Lease. Lot number 12 with same decription.

Susan Thompson was the daughter of Joseph and Mary Harrison. Her first husband was Robert Dawson. By the will of Joseph Harrison (7/277, prob 1815) his daughter Susan Harrison was given "the house and lot in St. Michaels where Bill Dawson now lives". Bill Dawson was the father of Robert Dawson.

The property was part of "Joseph's Lot", patented by Joseph Harrison (1698-1755) On his death the land went to his son Thomas Harrison (1734-1801). On the death of Thomas Harrison, his daughter Mary (who married her third cousin Joseph Harrison, and mother of Susan (Dawson) Thompson) bought all of Thomas Harrison's land on the east side of the main road "called Joseph's Lot". (1802, 29/458 and a later quit-claim deed of 1809, 33/346.

The block on the south side of Cherry Street bought by Mary's brother, Samuel (1802, 29/354) was specifically excluded.

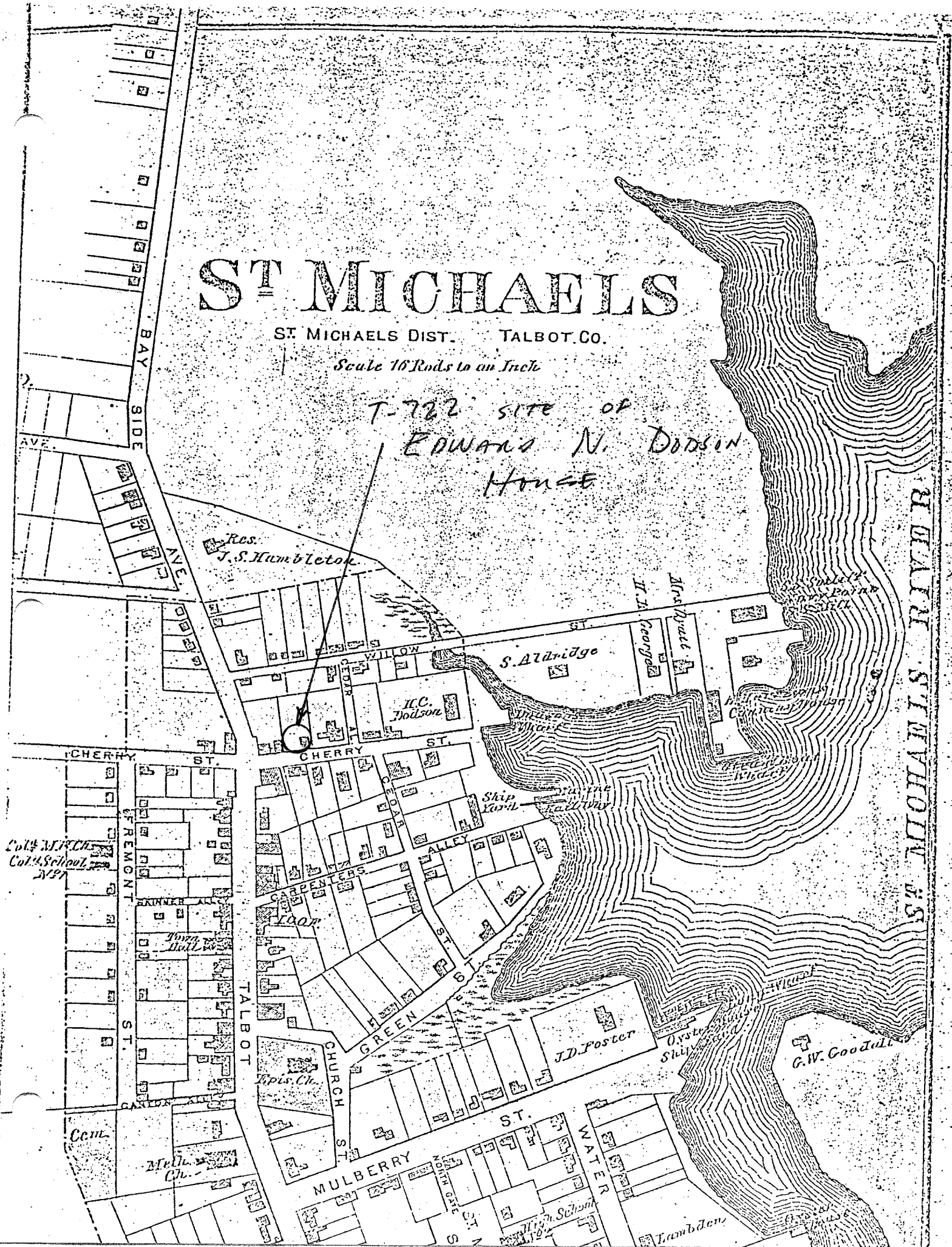
YEAR: 1947 VOL: 273 PAGE: 86 PRICE:  
FROM: Leahmer M. Kantner  
TO: Richard Nye Larrimer  
NOTES: The consideration was "\$100 and all reserved rent" for the fee title. The fee simple title of Susan Thompson was devised to Adeline Harrison 1880, 19/461. She willed it to Honora P. Kantner in 1932 (25/476) who devised it to Leahmer Kantner in 1937 (222/204).

# ST MICHAELS

ST MICHAELS DIST. TALBOT CO.

Scale 16 Rods to an Inch

T-722 SITE OF  
EDWARD N. DODSON  
HOUSE









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EDWARD N. DODSON HOUSE

St. Michaels, Talbot Co., MD

South elevation

6/89, Paul Touart, photographer

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